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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Recently read that the John Muir Land Trust is in the process of purchasing the Carr Ranch property in Moraga. What great news!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Carr family for preserving the beautiful ranch property for the residents of Moraga and the surrounding communities. What a wonderful gift to the community. We applaud them for their farsightedness in thinking of the future of this community in having the JMLT manage the property for future generations to enjoy.

With so much development either planned, or actual construction beginning in Moraga, we all owe a debt of gratitude to the Carr family for thinking of the Moraga Valley's future in preserving this beautiful open space.

Gordon & Gail Nathan
Moraga

Editor:

Well, I did it! I added my grain of sand-my petition signature-to support "The Friends of Semi-Rural Moraga" anxiously building a sand moat to protect their sand castles . . . while the tide continues rising. But what could I do? Dick Olsen asks so politely and my wife threatens so graphically! As I understand it, Councilmember Phil Arth, who wants a roundabout to help him enter and exit St. Mary's Road at Bollinger Canyon, is not at all concerned about increased traffic created by adding new residents next to the firehouse on Moraga Way. Why not? It may be because he plans to recommend a roundabout in front of the fire house. That will not only "solve" the traffic problem but, as roundabout consultant Ron Boyle said, it should help our firefighters find their "sense of place."

Of course as long as America adds 25-30 million residents every decade, the only certain "sense of place" Lamorinda residents can count on is a sense of an increasingly crowded place. Stop residences for 100 people here and they'll build residences for 200 people there, or for 300 people there and there. Oh, yes, and those 100 or 200 or 300 people will want roads and schools and hospitals and, take a deep breath . . . water! So, Moraga Town Council, while you're seeking a grant for roundabouts, why not seek a grant for water? Perhaps tonic water would be good!

If you want to know what you might do to help reverse the perpetual population growth tide, visit www.GrowthBiasBusted.org and www.ThePopulationFix.com. It's probably too late to keep Moraga semi-rural, but perhaps we can save some space for our "seventh generation" descendants.

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